A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 2002

RIDGE AND VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY — DESIGNATED.

The Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway is a 51-mile route in northwest Georgia that follows a closed-circuit loop along two-lane county road and state routes, and four-lane state routes in Chattooga, Walker, and Floyd counties; and

This route is located in a sub-district of the Ridge and Valley known as the Armuchee Ridges. The ridges in this district are rather narrow and rise anywhere from several hundred to 1000 feet above the valley floor. The folding of the rock layer created the hills and valleys. The erosive action of streams upon shale and limestone formed the valleys.

The local Scenic Byway Committee has worked with the citizens, organizations and local governments in the proposed byway area to develop a route and prepare a Corridor Management Plan; and

The local Scenic Byway Committee has involved the Georgia Scenic Byways Program and Georgia Department of Transportation staff in the development of the route, application, and Corridor Management Plan; and

The locally-approved Corridor Management Plan incorporates or identifies appropriate strategies, goals, priorities, objectives, schedules, programs, and agreements to protect and enhance the Scenic Byway features; and

Section 1047 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) established a Scenic Byways Program under Title 23, United States Code, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) continues the program under Sections 1101(a)(12) and 1802; and

The Georgia Department of Transportation is the designated Scenic Byway Agency for the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 51-mile route that begins in Floyd county at the intersection of US 27 and SR 156, proceeds ten miles northwest along US 27 to the intersection with Gore-Subligna Road; proceeds northeast on Gore-Subligna Road for eight miles until reaching the community of Subligna; follows the north fork onto East Armuchee Road; proceeds for ten miles to the intersection with SR 136 in the community of Villanow; proceeds east on SR 136 for one half mile to the intersection with Furnace Creek Road/Pocket Road; proceeds south three miles along Furnace Creek Road/Pocket Road to the intersection with Everett Springs Road; proceeds south along Floyd Springs Road to the intersection with Floyd Springs Road; proceeds south along Floyd Springs Road to the intersection with SR 156; proceeds southwest three miles to close the loop at the intersection with US 27; be designated as a Georgia Scenic Byway, and hereafter be known as the "Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this facility.

Adopted 2002.

